

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above mentioned application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments.

Claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12 and 14-21 are presently in this application. After rejecting most of the amended claims over the cited art, the Examiner stated that dependent claims 3, 5, 8 and 13-16, calling for the angles of the sealing surfaces of the flanges to be unequal, would be allowed if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base and intermediate claims. To this end, claim 1 has been amended to include this limitation. Claim 1 is now allowable. Dependent claim 3 has been cancelled as redundant.

Dependent claims 2 and 4-10 and 20 are now dependent directly or indirectly on allowable claim 1 and are therefore also in condition for allowance.

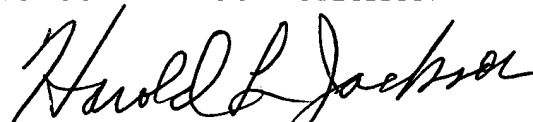
Independent claim 11 has been cancelled and replaced by new claim 21 which in some respects defines the lid member in broader terminology, but specifies that the angles of the interior sealing surfaces of the cap body and lid member flanges are unequal, i.e., $\theta \neq \lambda$. This feature is not taught or suggested in the references. Dependent claim 17 further defines the lid member as having the peripheral rim. Claims 21, as well as dependent claims 12-19, are now allowable.

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It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is courteously solicited. If applicants' attorney can be of any further assistance please call the undersigned at the number provided.

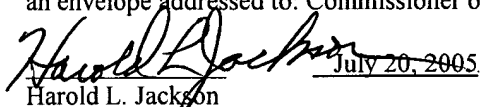
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